



Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Regional Pathway System Plan

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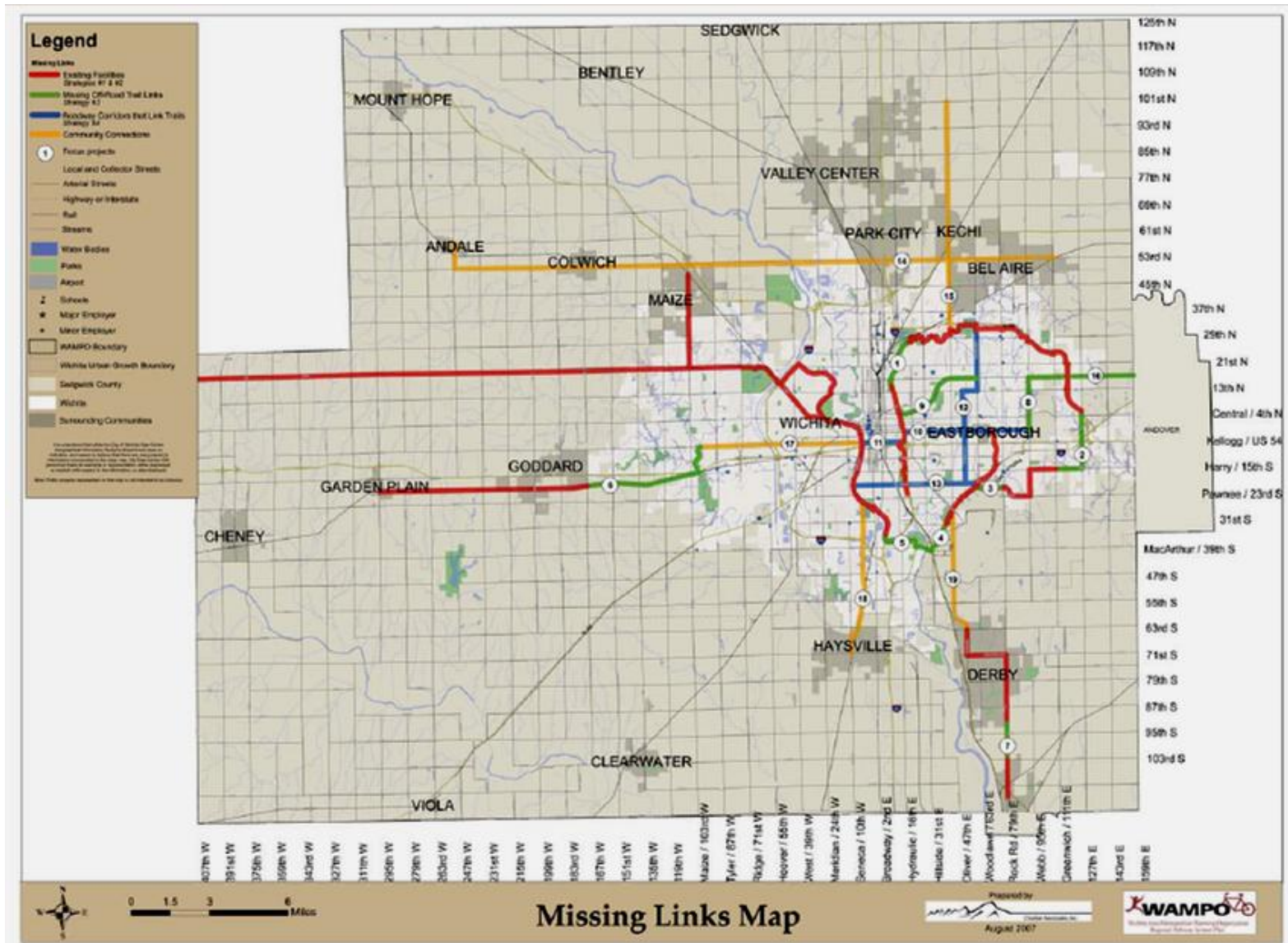
Status Snapshot of Pathway Development in the WAMPO Region

	Existing Miles of Pathway Facilities in Region	Additional Miles Proposed in Existing Local Plans	Consultant Recommendations per Regional Plan
Off-Road Multi-Use Paths	105	421	164
On-Street Bicycle Lanes	1	0	67
Paved Shoulders	34	0	129

Regional Development Challenges

- Current system is off-road pathways
- Many people view bicycling and walking as solely recreation, not as transportation
- Little accommodation for bicyclist on-street
- Street pattern pushes traffic on to arterials
- Rivers, Big Ditch, railroads and freeways require bridge crossings

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Why Be Concerned About Pathways?

- Companies move to, start up and grow where there is a highly-skilled workforce
- High-skill workers can live anywhere, and tend toward places with high quality of life

THE NEW ECONOMY & CREATIVE WORKERS

“Companies that can locate anywhere will go where they can attract good people in a good place.”

- Intel spokesperson

“Keep your tax incentives and highway interchanges; we will go where the highly skilled people are.”

- Former CEO of
Hewlett Packard

Bicyclists and Pedestrians

- Don't always mix well
- By law, bicycles are vehicles and riders are drivers
- Not all bicyclists are the same
 - Advanced
 - Basic
 - Children
- Can co-exist on wide pathways, but sidewalks are meant for pedestrians

Bicycles, On-Road or Off-Road?

- Some motorists want bicyclists off roadways
- Most advanced riders prefer the street over sidewalks and pathways
- Means exist to accommodate bicyclists on streets
 - Bike lanes
 - Shared travel lanes
 - Paved shoulders

Implementation

- Local implementation/interagency coordination
- Pathway projects proposed in region exceed funding capabilities
- Regional priorities should focus on filling in the system's gaps
- Too much reliance on federal funding
- Look for cost-effective opportunities to retrofit arterials with low and moderate volumes
- Maintenance of existing facilities